100 meters from the protected limits as prohibited area and another 200 meters from this limit as regulated area. No construction activities are permitted in the prohibited areas while a license from Archaeological Survey of India is required for construction in the regulated areas.

The Superintending Archaeologists of the Archaeological Survey of India are empowered to take legal steps for eviction of encroachers under the Pulbic Premises (eviction of unauthorized occupants) Act, 1971 and rules framed under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

Protection of heritage monuments

164. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are instances where historical structures not covered by ASI have been demolished to make way for development;

(b) if so, the details for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to make it mandatory for all Town Planning Agencies to include a 'heritage clause' and form 'heritage committees' on the lines of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh whereby prior permission of such committees would be required before the shape of any heritage structure is altered, with a view to protect such heritage monuments, including those not protected by ASI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Since there are no records available it is not possible to give this information. To document all heritage monuments the National Mission of Monuments & Antiquities is being launched.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal at present. However in 1992, Government of India (Archaeological Survey of India) has issued a notification declaring areas upto 100 metres from the protected limits of monuments/sites of national importance as prohibited areas where all construction and mining activities are banned. Another 200 metres beyond this had been declared as regulated area where construction/mining activity is permitted only in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued by the Archaeological Survey of India.